

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber on May 22, 2006. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 177, a motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1235, the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act, and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 178, a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3858, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act.

TRIBUTE TO PALOMAR COLLEGE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Palomar College on their 60th anniversary.

Palomar College is one of the most comprehensive community colleges in the United States, offering North County, San Diego residents more than 300 degree and certificate programs for transfer to four-year universities, job training, and personal enrichment. Its commitment to lifelong learning and its status as a cultural center for northern San Diego County make Palomar College a tremendous educational asset to California and the Nation.

Palomar began with only 100 students; the first classes were held on September 23, 1946, on the campus of Vista High School in Vista, California. It has since grown to become one of our State's largest community colleges. Palomar College now has an enrollment of over 30,000 students and is widely respected for its excellent programs, faculty, administration, the success of its students, and the service it provides to the communities of northern San Diego County.

Mr. Speaker, because of Palomar College's dedication to education and the improvement of individuals, I want to recognize and honor this institution of higher learning. I congratulate and applaud Palomar College upon the observance of its 60th anniversary and for the valuable contribution it makes to our society and to the future of its students.

A TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE ERIC M. KAVANAGH

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of a Maryland soldier who died honorably serving his country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Private Eric M. Kavanagh from Glen Burnie, Maryland was a dedicated and loyal serviceman. His courage enabled him to be a leader among his peers.

The 20-year-old private was trained as a Bradley tank driver. He was assigned to the

1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. After his training, he was stationed in Iraq for 5 weeks.

I commend Private Kavanagh for his courage to serve our country and to fight for freedom in an unsettled world. Without doubt, his bravery gives his parents, Mr. Kelvin T. Kavanagh and Ms. Rhonda Kavanagh great pride. Private Kavanagh was the oldest of three children. He is remembered for being not only a magnanimous and compassionate soldier but also an incredible brother and son.

Prior to joining the Army, Private Kavanagh worked for a weekly shopping publication, the Pennysaver. Co-workers said he was always happy and smiling. He attended Folger McKinsey Elementary School, Severna Park Middle School, and Chesapeake High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the patriotism of Private Eric M. Kavanagh. His love of country and willingness to serve his country will forever last in our hearts and minds. He made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America and he will always be remembered as a hero from Maryland.

IN HONOR OF DAN ALBERT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Dan Albert, who is retiring this year after serving as the mayor of Monterey since 1986. His long career represents success, accomplishment, and community service. Dan served on the City of Monterey Parks and Recreation Commission for several years. He is a former member and Chair of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the one local position that he and I have both held. He was elected to the City Council in 1979 and elected Mayor in 1986, and is now in his tenth term.

But length of service is not everything. When first elected to the City Council, Monterey was in the economic doldrums. The fishing industry was depressed, the tourism industry was moribund and local military economic activity was under constant threat. What a difference 26 years of real leadership makes. Last year the BRAC Commission reaffirmed the indispensable role that Monterey plays in supporting the Defense Language Institute and Naval Postgraduate School. Monterey is the center of a thriving regional tourism economy. Its convention center, its Window on the Bay Park, aquarium, and coastal recreation trail all draw and enrich visitors from at home and abroad. The City of Monterey is a national model for the participation of its citizens in neighborhood preservation and enhancement. All of these trends, and many others, have Dan Albert's quiet leadership at their center. It is a legacy that has made a permanent mark on Monterey.

Dan's previous career spanned 37 years as a teacher at Monterey High School, where he coached the varsity football team for 23 of those years. He and his wife, Joanne, are lifetime residents of the city and both attended Monterey High School. They have four grown children and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that I have not heard the last from Dan, as I expect he will remain an active member of the community, but I do want to wish him and his family the best as they enter this exciting new chapter. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate the accomplishments of Dan Albert and express my sincere gratitude for his commitment to the community.

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RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. THEODORE F. GUNDLACH

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and extensive community involvement of Mr. Theodore F. (Ted) Gundlach of Belleville, Illinois.

Ted Gundlach was born, along with his twin brother, Joseph, on January 11, 1924, in Belleville, Illinois. Ted's father, T.J. Gundlach had, the year before, opened a small machine shop to provide tools and equipment for the local mines and factories.

After college, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering, Ted accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1943 and served for the duration of World War II. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant J.G.

Returning home to Belleville, Ted entered the family business, T.J. Gundlach Machine Co. and J.M.J. Industries, Inc. Starting as General Manager, Ted would become President and CEO and expand the Gundlach Machine Co. market reach to six continents.

As much as Ted poured his energy into his business, he also found time to be personally involved in his community. Ted has served on 16 different boards of directors, been a member of numerous fraternal, business and civic organizations and helped to steer many community and charitable projects. He has received a number of awards from business, professional, educational and civic organizations, recognizing his contributions and leadership.

While Ted built his company into a position of international leadership in their marketplace and has performed outstanding service to his community, he has always been devoted to his family. Ted and his wife, Patricia, live in Belleville, Illinois and have two children, Mary Barbara Compton and Laurie Ann Frillman. They have three grandchildren, Amanda, Molly and Lucas.